

## REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 26, 2004 indicated the amendment document filed on February 20, 2004 is considered non-compliant because in the Amendments To The Claims section, each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier in that “Reinstated” is not a proper status identifier, and that Applicant “Cannot amend cancelled claim 23” and “Claims 102-120 have incorrect status identifiers”

Applicant submits with this Response an entire new Amendments To The Claims in which the status identifier of each of Claims 121-127 (formerly Claims 2-8, respectively), Claims 129-133 (formerly Claims 10-14), Claim 142 (formerly Claim 28), Claim 145 (formerly Claim 31), Claim 148 (formerly Claim 34), Claims 150 and 151 (formerly Claims 37 and 38 respectively), Claim 155 (formerly Claim 42), Claim 159 (formerly Claim 46), Claims 161 and 162 (formerly Claims 48 and 49, respectively) and Claims 165-170 (formerly Claims 51, 64, 69, 79, 88 and 91, respectively) now have the correct status identifier “new”.

The indication in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment 4 E. “Cannot amend cancelled claim 23” does not appear proper and Applicant respectfully requests that it be withdrawn. Claim 23 was not cancelled. Indeed, in the August 14, 2003 Office Action, to which the amendment document filed on February 20, 2004 was responsive, indicated that Claim 23 was “pending in the application” and was “rejected” under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, because it depended on cancelled Claim 10 and contained language which was

unclear. Applicant amended Claim 23 to overcome such rejection and properly identified its status as "currently amended" in the Response to Office Action, and in this Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

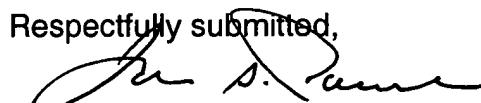
The other indication in 4 E is that the Response to Office Action filed on February 20, 2004 is considered non-compliant because "Claims 102-120 have incorrect status identifiers" is also believed to be improper, and is respectfully requested to be withdrawn. The Response to Office Action correctly identified the status of each of Claims 102-107, 109-111 and 115-117 as "currently amended". Each of those dependent claims was amended to at least change the number of the claim from which the dependent claim depended. In addition, a further amendment was made in each of Claims 105, 109, 110, 115 and 116.

The status of each of Claims 108 and 114 was correctly indicated in the Response to Office Action as "original" and the status of Claims 112-114 and 118-120 was correctly indicated as cancelled. With respect to the cancelled claims, no claim text was presented in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(c)(4).

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendments To The Claims section is now compliant, and reconsideration of the amendments to the claims is respectfully requested.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned, at (312) 456-6585, is respectfully invited.

Respectfully submitted,



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